



# Generosity

## WEEK 2025

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## Welcome to this year's Generosity Week newsletter

Although this newsletter came into being through [Generosity Week](#) (this year 28 September until 5 October), it's become a handy little digest of things you might find helpful in exploring generosity with your church, whether you intend to have a Generosity Week or not. So do read on, let us know what you'd like to see, and forward to a friend who would like to sign up.

## Generosity Week 'Light'

If you don't have the resources to invest in a fuller Generosity Week, you can still make a great impact by concentrating on just a few core elements.

- Sign up to the [Parish Giving Scheme](#) so that any new regular gifts have the option to be increased with inflation, and to give you a steady stream of Gift Aid without additional admin.
- Consider [contactless giving](#), and if you have already got a device, make sure you're maximising its potential.
- On the first Sunday of your week, focus on **Gratitude**. This [service pack](#) suggests songs, prayers, readings and sermon starters.
- If you think your congregation would welcome something to help them reflect during the week, and you don't have mid-week groups, you could encourage them to listen to [Living Generously](#) talks. (The talks are also on the CofE's [Everyday Faith app](#).)
- Preach the following Sunday around **Generosity** with a clear ask of what you would like people to do. Again, there are [ideas here](#), here, but you might also find [this blog](#) from St Mary le Tower in Ipswich helpful.



## CORNERSTONE

**Cornerstone** is an online generosity tool available free of charge to all Church of England churches.

## Insights

Using Parish Returns data, it's designed to help churches develop the most detailed picture they've ever had of their financial situation – whether that's a source of joy or concern.

## Grants database

All churches now have completely free access to over 650 grants through Cornerstone with no need to register or sign up. Covering a range of purposes and values, this searchable, filterable database is updated weekly and is the biggest range of church grants currently available.

## Celebrating a Generous Easter

Cornerstone also offers more than 50 pathways to help you plot steps towards a more generous culture. New for Easter is Celebrating a Generous Easter which helps you engage less frequent visitors as well as your regular congregation.

To sign up to Cornerstone and access the pathway, contact your [Giving Advisor](#).

Generosity Week News is produced by the Giving directorate at the National Church Institutions.

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